



THE PARISHES OF LEDBURY AND EASTNOR

*Worshipping God,
Following Jesus, Sharing His Love*

**Sunday 20th January 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**



Readings for 20th January 2019:

Epiphany 3

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1 – 5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness and all the kings your glory and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit; ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills.

Gospel Reading: John 2: 1 – 11

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him,

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Led by The Revd James Stewart
- 10.00am Christian Unity Service
*Led by Ledbury Churches
Speaker Anna Nugent*
- 6.30pm Evensong
*Led by Joe Chipper
Preacher The Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey*

Church Diary for the week ahead

Monday	21st January	8:00pm	Ecumenical Worship, Ledbury Baptist Church
Weds	23rd January	6.45pm for 7pm	Evening Prayer/Compline, S ^t Anne's Chapel
Thursday	24th January	7-12-7	Prayers
Friday	25th January	9:00am	Prayer Meeting, S ^t Anne's Chapel
		10:30am	Holy Communion, S ^t Katherine's Chapel

Next Sunday 27th January 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
- 10.00am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
- 11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion

If you are new here, welcome. Please fill in one of the blue welcome cards located at the end of each pew so that you can receive information about church activities. Yellow Gift Aid envelopes are available at the end of each pew and at the back of the church. There is a Hearing Loop in this Church. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask one of the Sidespeople.

Service Times and lectionary readings can be found posted in the church porch and on the church website www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk under the 'Services' section.

Facebook – The church has a facebook page:

[fb.me/stmichaelsledbury](https://www.facebook.com/fb.me/stmichaelsledbury) – take a look, like and participate

Twitter – If you use Twitter do sign-up to S. Michael's twitter account: @LedburyParish

Parish office: phone number: 01531 631531. **Email:** ledbury.ministry@talktalk.net

“Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

“This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of Your saving presence: renew Your people with Your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may Your people, illumined by Your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of His glory, that He may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray for:

Our link CMS mission partners, our Leprosy Mission partners and S^t Michael and All Angels, Mtwara and S^t John the Baptist Church, Likonde.

Those who are sick:

Dean Jackson	Steve Taylor	Jules Schad
Rob Harding	Mike Wakefield	

We remember those who have died and pray for those who mourn their passing:

June Ledbury	Judy Baker	Revd John Lowe	Alma Galloway
Barbara Dearden	Alan Meikle	Mary Morris	Doreen
Kathleen Marsh		Summerfield	

NOTICES

The 2019 Tower Sponsorship List is now at the back of the Church, please sign up to sponsor the illuminations. Please give put your money in an envelope with your name and week you are sponsoring the tower light and place it in the collection plate.

Young Church – today the theme will be ‘One Spirit Many Gifts’.

A big thank you for the generous donations for the Christmas Giving Tree. Over 100 gifts were given and very much appreciated by Ledbury Primary School, the Health Visiting Team, Ledbury Community Hospital and Nursing Home.’

LIFTS TO CHURCH. Please is there anybody that would be able to give lifts to and from church on the first Sunday of the month for 3 older people living in the Biddulph Way area. I am no longer able to undertake this. Also lifts needed from New Mills area on any Sunday. If you are able to help please contact Joyce Potter TEL: 01531 637280

Electoral Roll: This year all Church members need to complete a new electoral roll form. These forms can be found at the back of the Church. Completing a new electoral roll form enables you to vote in the APCM in April.

Thank you from Canon Ryc Smith: “Your thoughts and prayers were very gratefully received and appreciated. I’m home and beginning to feel a bit more confident in the new knee but still not ready to dance on the tables!”

Pastoral Care Support. Someone from the Pastoral Care Team will sit in one of the pews on **Tuesday mornings from 10.30 for about an hour**, offering support to anyone who feels like coming and having a confidential chat about whatever is on your mind. It happens to the best of us at times and it is comforting to know there is someone out there who is willing to sit and listen to whatever you want to talk about in confidence.

THANK YOU The Stewardship Committee has asked me to thank everyone who has made a regular commitment to giving; by standing order, by dated envelopes, by yellow envelopes, and in the church plate in 2018. The total donation for 2018 was **£90,254**. It has been possible to claim a further **£20,601** from the tax returned on gift-aided donations which provided a total stewardship income of **£110,855**. *Tony Goodall (Stewardship Recorder)*.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 21 January 12.30pm Organ Recital by Philip Holland.

Monday 21 January 6:15pm Eastnor PCC

Wednesday 23 January 7:30pm Ledbury PCC

Saturday 26 January 9.15am for 9.30am Men's Breakfast at the Seven Stars Hotel in the Homend. Cost £8. The speaker is Revd Bill Mackenzie. If you are able to come please sign the sheet at the back of church so that we have some ideas of the numbers for catering. Looking forward to seeing you.

Saturday 2 February 10am in S. Anne's Chapel Housing Development meeting.

Sunday 3 February 3:30-4:30pm in the Chapter House: informal tea and chat for people enquiring about and interested in baptism at S. Michael's.

Saturday 16 February 10.30am – 1.30pm in the Chapter House. Gardeners – Do you: Order too many seeds/Always have seeds left over/Collect your own seeds/ Like trying new varieties on the cheap? How about bringing your spares to a ‘seed swap’ and enjoying some chat and refreshments as well as picking up some bargains. Refreshments available to purchase (tea, coffee and cake or home-made soup and bread). Also produce if available. Run by the ringers in aid of the Bell project. Further information from Mary Anne Keyes 579021 or 07962323454. Please tell your friends!

Sunday 17 February – Newcomers' Tea, 4.00 – 5.30 pm. Anyone who is ‘new’ to the church is very welcome to come and get to know a few more people over tea, cake and chat in the Chapter House. If you know of anyone you feel should be invited please let me know. I would be grateful for offers of cakes, and of help with welcoming and serving on the day please. **Mary Anne Keyes 01531579021 makeyes25@hotmail.com**

Friday 1 March 2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer (more details to follow)

Tuesday 5 March: Shrove Tuesday – 6.15pm Pancake Party, S^t Katherine's Hall.

Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday – services at 12:30pm and 7:30pm (with ashing for those who wish). There will be a soup lunch after the 12:30 service courtesy of Jenny Harrison.

Friday 8 March at 7.30 pm in the church: **Ringing the Changes** - a colourful journey with the bells of Ledbury through 1000 years of English history. It will be an evening of music, literature, drama and history exploring this fascinating aspect of our heritage. Tickets £5.00 from Tim Keyes (01531 579021 / *thkeyes28@hotmail.com*) or on the door.